

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## Get Ready For The Greatest Trip Ever Advertised---With The Lord!

### Every Christian Should be a Soul-Winner by Prayer, Preaching, Money or Otherwise!

#### THAT SWEET MELLOW GENTLE EXPERIENCE

##### Ought to be Possessed by Every Minister And Member.

###### NO PAY IN BEING HARSH AND ROUGH

It almost seems useless for me to present this subject to-night, but it is the one suggested to my mind so here it goes. God always knows His business, and whether He suggested the subject or not I do not believe it has been suggested by any evil spirit.

Every body knows that sweet is the opposite of sour, and mellow is the opposite of hard, and gentle is the opposite of wild and rough. Of course no Christian would want to have a sour, hard, wild and rough experience and call it the Christian religion, but judging from some reports that come to me it seems that some who try to identify themselves with us must be on the sour, hard, rough and wild side. But such as this cannot be the spirit of the Church of God.

Since so many who love the truth are anxious to follow the Bible teaching and have their experience to measure up to it in every particular a few things in connection with this subject may be interesting and helpful. None of us claim to have reached absolute perfection, therefore we are open for anything that has a tendency upward and that will make us more like heaven.

It is time now for special preparation to meet the Lord at His coming, therefore, we need to live in the first verses of 1 John and third chapter and the book of Canticles—Songs of Solomon. In the third chapter of 1 John there is a sweet pathos that does not appear in every book and chapter. John commences this chapter by calling special attention to the love the Father has for us, and as a proof of this he says, "that we should be called the sons of God." Undeserving as we are He has shown His love to us to the extent that He has accepted us as sons. When one comes face to face with this fact and fully realizes it as a fact, he surely feels like lifting up his hands in wonder and amazement and exclaiming with John, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Then in the next breath as if he has caught a glimpse of something still ahead he continues his strain by saying, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." And this is all given with the very deepest feeling of tenderness and love. This is indeed sweet, and it has a tendency to sweeten and mellow our spirits every time we read it.

Now drop down a little farther in the chapter and read a verse that will still have that good sweet soothing effect. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us." This is wonderful, and I feel my spirit softening and becoming even more tender as I continue, "and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." That is surely enough to sweeten up the experience of any one that is trying to make ready for that wonderful time that is drawing so near.

Now drop back into that armchair like love story and there you find sweetness right. "I sat down under his shadow with

great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." (Cant. 2:3, 4) A taste of this sweet fruit and a seat in this velvet lined banqueting house will sweeten the experience of any one that would be sweetened at all. There seems to be no words to express the extreme sweetness of the moment. Sit there a little while in the presence of Jesus and you will have received a heavenly touch that will scarcely ever leave you again. Your voice and manner will have a kind of a halo of glory around it that will have a drawing effect upon those with whom you mingle. Like a sweet morsel—"honey and milk under thy tongue."

Did you ever put a morsel of anything in your mouth that was so pleasant to the taste that you have said, "It just melted in my mouth?" Well, there you are in the banqueting house feasting upon the sweets that only a sweet loving Jehovah can give. For want of any better expression of tenderness the writer said, "His left hand is under my head and His right hand doth embrace me." This is like the tenderness of a mother as she "rock-a-bys" her darling little baby to sleep.

Again the expression rolls like the pen of a ready writer. There is love existing between the child of God and heaven's King. There is a mighty moving, but oh, how tender and gentle! "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret place of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." There is nothing about that sweet voice to drive people away from the meetings. Nothing uttered that would make one feel afraid of what is coming next, or to make one wish he were not at the meeting. The words of Jesus were gracious words when He spoke at Nazareth. It is said of the hearers, "And all bear Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." (Luke 4:22)

I wonder how any one can be sour and hard and rough in his preaching or conversation and live in the banqueting house and have the spirit of Jesus. I hardly think it is possible. If one becomes harsh and rough in his preaching he has either never been inside of that banqueting house or has moved out. It is too velvety and sacred in that banqueting house experience for one to preach like we have been hearing of some quite recently. It has been said that they literally drove their congregation away by their harsh rough preaching. Such a preacher is nothing near ready to meet Jesus in that banqueting house at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

No, no! Instead of being driven away the people will say of one that has the banqueting house experience, "Let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice." And the words of his mouth in proclaiming the Gospel of the Son of God will be gracious words. Indeed one that is in close touch with Jesus is like the further description given further on in the love song. "I rose to open to my beloved." This is Jesus right there within a very few feet. "My hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers

on the handles of the lock." (Cant. 5:5) I tell you, when a preacher in the pulpit is so close to Jesus that he is about to open the door between Jesus and the congregation he will not be harsh and bitter and scold and rave and "dig up" as they sometimes say, but he will be sweet and mellow and gentle and very often his eyes will be filled with tears and his voice extremely tender and his words gracious.

And when the door is open, and the preacher pictures Jesus standing there how will He appear? "His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as beds of spices, as banks of sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh." His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely." (Cant. 5:11-16) Picture Him like this and then when He appears so lovely and sweet before your congregation and you introduce Him by saying, "this is my beloved, and this is my friend," and I dare say your congregation will not leave you, neither will they stay away to keep from hearing you because they don't want to take a scolding. Indeed, that sweet mellow gentle experience ought to be possessed by every minister and every member. There is no pay in being harsh and rough.

The word "mellow" is not a Bible word, but "ripe" is a Bible word and when we find a mellow apple we conclude it is ripe. And Webster defines "mellow" thus: "fully ripe; not hard, harsh or rigid," so there can scarcely be a better word found to use in this place. You find a mellow apple or peach and it becomes enticing and attractive. You begin to want taste of it. But, on the other hand, if it is hard and rigid you have no desire for it. Then in order to have the best influence over people to win them for Christ and His Church the mellow experience is much more to be desired than the hard rigid experience. To be mellow means that it will be easy for you to shed tears and weep as you preach, and weep with the penitents, and weep over the lost.

Another thing about the mellow experience that should be noticed is that it indicates a ripe experience. Define this word and you have it thus: Ripe, "brought to maturity or perfection; ready for harvest; fit for use." Now, this being true, it is readily seen that a hard rigid person is some distance from perfection, not ready for the coming of the Lord—harvest, and not fit for use. And they are not fit to work in the Lord's great harvest field. In the Church in the wilderness they were commanded to bring in their first ripe fruit as an offering to the Lord. They did not think of bringing it until it was ripe—mellow. In Paul's epistle to the Corinthians he instructed them about certain things among which he said, "Brethren, be not children, in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." (1 Cor. 14:20)

The marginal reading is, "in understanding be of a ripe age." Such that will make you an acceptable offering to the Lord. And if you follow the analogy it will mean for you to have a mellow experience. A person that is hard and rigid can hardly have a good understanding.

The next word of the subject is "gentle." This is a Bible word and its use is very common. Webster gives as a definition

in manner and disposition; kindly; moderate in action; peaceful." One of the fruits of the Spirit is gentleness. This belongs to a person filled with the Holy Ghost. (Gal. 5:22) David sang to the Lord and said, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." (2 Sam. 22:36) David was a man after God's own heart so he was gentle because he followed the Lord's example, and thus became great. If he had been rough and wild he would not have become great. This is David's testimony.

As we proceed you can judge as to whether you want to be gentle or rough and wild. In order to get the most out of this we will notice a question propounded by James the Lord's brother: "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts glory not, and lie not against the truth." (Jas. 3:13, 14) Continuing he shows that bitterness and strife is not "from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish." And gives his reason for the statement, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." And on the other hand James tells what wisdom is like that comes from above. It is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good works." Then the person that possesses the wisdom that comes from above is pure, peaceable and gentle. And in his preaching or other service he will always show mercy rather than want to flay and skin his congregation alive. And the good fruits in such a life will be fully ripe fruits—mellow, and ready for service in the Lord's great harvest field. One that is harsh and hard in his experience and preaching certainly shows a lack of wisdom and will soon reap what he sows.

Paul not only gave many instructions to the churches, but he also instructed his ministers, and those instructions should be considered of great value and importance to the Lord's ministers today. "Put them in mind," wrote Paul to Titus, "to be subject to principals and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness to all men." (Titus 3:2.)

And to Timothy, another one of his ministers, he wrote, "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men." (2 Tim. 2:24.) By the use of these words we understand that Paul means to show that "strive" is opposite to "gentle." He says we must not strive, but we must be gentle. And this means that we must be mild and kind.

Paul also gives an example for a pastor. At one time he served the church at Thessalonica for a while and he tells how he conducted himself among them. He was not harsh, he did not scold them, he did not exclude them from the church for some little offence, he did not threaten them and undertake to force them into square dealing and good living, but he was gentle among them, "even as a nurse cherisheth her children." (1 Thes. 2:7.) This was Paul's way of taking care of a church. Furthermore he gives his reason for thus being tender with them. It was because he loved them dearly and knew their weaknesses and shortcomings and felt that he must nourish and lift them up to a higher standard of living by

helping them and being tender

toward them instead of being

rigid and harsh with them.

Read what he says: "We were

gentle among you, even as a

nurse cherisheth her children:

so being affectionately desirous

of you, we were willing to have

imparted unto you, not the gos-

pel of God only, but also our

own souls, because ye were

dear unto us. For ye remem-

ber, brethren, our labour and

travail: for labouring night and

day, because we would not be

chargeable unto any of you, we

preached unto you the gospel of

God. Ye are witnesses, and

God also, how holily and justly

and unblameably we behaved

ourselves among you that be-

lieved: As ye know how we

exhorted and comforted and

charged every one of you, as

a father doth his children, that

ye would walk worthy of God,

who hath called you unto his

kingdom and glory." (1 Thes.

2:7-12.)

Here is a graphic description of Paul's manner of work in taking care of a church. He tells us to follow him as he followed Christ, then I conclude he followed Christ in this matter as well as in other things.

He was gentle like a nurse with a child, his love was the white-heated kind, he was willing to give his soul for them, they were dear unto him, he labored and travailed for them night and day. I tell you there is some display of interest in them and love for them. Beloved pastor, do you have that kind of love for your flock? Do you treat the disobedient and weak ones as if they were your own offspring? Are you tender and gentle with them? O, beloved, I want our preachers to abstain from the hard, harsh, preaching that prevails among some so-called holiness people. Other people have feelings as well as yourself. What advantage is there in hurting the feelings of members of your congregation by hard, harsh, scolding like preaching? If you know a person is guilty of some crime go to him personally and talk to him about it and pray for him instead of making him a target and shooting your entire sermon at him. Preach the gospel without knowing who is guilty and who is innocent.

It is very unwise for members to tell a minister about conditions and thus indirectly dictate the messages. It is more unwise for a minister to listen at such things and then frame his sermon specially to fit those special cases. A great preacher of several years back would not allow any one to tell him anything when he went to a new place for a meeting. He wanted to get his messages direct from God without the least bit of influence to detract from his purpose.

A few years ago a certain minister went to a place for a meeting. By chance he fell in company with a certain man of the neighborhood who was very free to tell of all the faults of all the people in the community. I heard of it and kept in touch with the work through others and watched the results. In his preaching he "scored" everybody and preached but little the real gospel of power and love. After a protracted effort of some weeks the meeting closed and if there were any real good accomplished my informants were unable to tell me just what it was. The meeting died on their hands. It seemed that the Lord had forsaken the place. The preacher had a reputation of being a good revivalist, but his effort in that hard, harsh, scoring manner was a complete failure. And when he finally gave up and quit the meeting he was

much discouraged and every-

body seemed disappointed and felt sad and downcast.

I want our ministers to have more wisdom than to be influenced in that way. Preaching the gospel is a high calling and it should be recognized as a very sacred matter and treated with the very highest respect. If you preach the life out of the few Christians that may chance to be in your congregation you are a failure. I stood outside the door once and heard a minister pray the life out of his congregation and then I went inside only to hear him preach the funeral. This was after there had been a fine prospect for a revival and the interest was growing fine. He held one more service and closed his meeting. After the service was dismissed a prominent man of the community announced the meeting for the next night and then called in two humble little men to continue the meeting, and inside of a week or ten days forty souls were saved and the marvelous power of God falling.

I tell you, beloved, that sweet mellow gentle experience ought to be possessed by every minister. There is no pay in being harsh and rough. Be gentle and kind and loving toward all men. You can catch more flies with molasses than you can with vinegar." Jesus said to the disciples as He sent them forth, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Matt. 10:16.) Follow this plan and obey these instructions and you can be made successful "fishers of men," and you will find it much better to have the sweet mellow gentle experience.

#### VISION OF CHURCH

To the Saints Scattered Abroad—  
Greetings:

Today finds me on fire for God. I have had the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues for eight years and I find the joy just the same. I love to tell this wonderful story and do not understand how people can stay in sin when Jesus offers such great blessings. Oh, sinners, come to the fountain and see what you will find. The way is strewn with precious jewels.

My experience in the last eight years has been very wonderful to me. Just think, I lived twenty-seven years in sin and hardly ever felt the presence of God. Come on, friends, let us not get behind.

I want to tell of a vision the Lord gave me about the church which took all doubts away as to where the true church was. It was on Saturday night and it seemed as if my husband, baby and I and Brother Mixon and his child were under a shelter. A high wind was blowing and it was raining. In front of us there was a very large pine tree with its lowest limbs eight feet from the ground. There were some rotten limbs on it and our pastor, Brother Mixon, was trying to punch them out with a pole and succeeded in punching out a few. As I had a great desire to help, I took the pole and began to push. The harder I pushed, the harder the wind blew and I was afraid, the rotten limbs would hit me as they were falling so fast. Not one of the green limbs fell and not one root was shaken but the tree was shaken very much by the mighty power. Then we hunted shelter from the falling limbs. My husband took our baby and I took the child that Brother Mixon left. I noticed that whatever happened the child did not complain also that it had two pretty white wings and as I ran from the storm one of the wings got ruffled. Then I awoke.

I asked the Lord to give me the meaning of the vision and here is what He gave me: The tree was the Church of God; the rotten limbs were the things that must come out of it; the solid ground in which the tree was rooted was the truth; pushing the limbs was prayer and then God began to work with power. The little child that was left with me was our pastor's confidence that I had won and its ruffled wing was failure to stand true. So, God helping me, I will stand by the dear old Church of God.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. J. S. Thompson,  
Chokoloskee, Fla.

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## REQUESTS

J. W. Scarbrough, Eldorado,  
Ark., requests prayer for the  
healing of his body.

E. L. Moore, Arcadia, Fla., re-  
quests prayer that he may be  
healed of a rupture.

Linsie Veal, Axson, Ga., re-  
quests prayer for her infidel  
husband to be saved.

A. M. Moon, Greenville, S. C., re-  
quests prayer that he may receive  
the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Lucy Smith, Monteagle,  
Tenn., requests prayer that she  
may be healed of headache.

Addie Prince, Jefferson City,  
Tenn., requests prayer that she  
may receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. M. C. Hunt, Arkadelphia,  
Ala., requests prayer for her  
two boys and one girl to be  
saved.

Poley Kilgore, Dunlap, Tenn., re-  
quests prayer to be sanctified  
and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Addie Keeton, Carbon Hill,  
Ala., requests prayer for her  
husband to be saved before it is too late.

Mrs. Ellen Staggs, Hillman,  
Mich., requests prayer for her  
two sons to be saved before it is too late.

Texas Hatfield, Logan, W. Va., re-  
quests prayer that her father and  
sisters will be saved before it is too late.

Dit Yookum, Speedwell, Tenn., re-  
quests prayer to receive the  
Holy Ghost and that Louisa  
Yookum will be healed.

Carl R. Hodges, Dunn, N. C., re-  
quests prayer that he may be  
healed of consumption if it is the Lord's will.

Mary E. Patton, Leckie, W. Va., re-  
quests prayer for May Yates to be united with her  
dear sister in the Church of God.

Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Tennille, Ga., re-  
quests prayer that her needs  
may be supplied so she and her husband can go and  
carry the Word.

Effie Nichols, Bogalusa, La., re-  
quests prayer for her eighteen  
months old baby to walk; for the church at that  
place and that she may get

closer to the Lord.

Mrs. Nora Hughes, Point, Tex., re-  
quests prayer that her little  
boy will be healed and that the  
unsaved ones of her home will be saved.

Mrs. T. C. Barnett, Empire, Ala., re-  
quests prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost and that her husband may see the Church of God is right before it is too late.

Mrs. Edna Sidener, Joplin, Mo., re-  
quests prayer that the Lord will heal a sister at that place and for her husband to go deeper in Jesus. Also that he can get work so they can be together.

R. O. Bissett, Middlesex, N. C., is in a helpless condition and wants all the saints to pray for him that all his needs may be supplied and that when he dies he may go to that sweet home beyond the sky.

G. W. Robertson, Karbers Ridge, Ill., requests prayer to be healed of stomach and head trouble; for his grandson to be healed; that his daughter may come back to the Lord, for his son to be saved and for his wife to be healed of kidney trouble.

E. D. Hopkins of Cullowhee, N. C., requests special prayer for Mrs. Cathron Beck to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for her to be healed of rheumatism. She is bedfast and earnestly praying day and night to be saved.

Flossie Wines, Almond, N. C., requests special prayer for Mrs. Ellen Tabor to be healed and that she will be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray for her children to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

NOTICES

Mrs. Della Hosford, Double Springs, Ala., wants some Church of God folks to come to that place and hold a meeting.

Wanted—to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Robert Johnston and J. J. Talent.

Jas. Walker, clerk, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

I would like to correspond with some man in Florida who wants to hire a laborer this fall and winter, near a Church of God.

Alvin T. Cain, Route 1, Box 36, Haleyville, Ala.

A meeting will begin on July 22nd at Crockett, Texas. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Pray that the Lord's will may be done and that He will pour out His blessings upon us.

Iva Moore, clerk, Crockett, Texas.

If any one needs an altar worker or other worker with the exception of preaching, write J. W. Scarbrough, Eldorado, Ark. If you want a Church of God preacher, write E. C. Scarbrough, Trinity, Texas, in care of H. J. French.

If any one in the state of Kentucky would like to have a young man to help him in meetings, write me any time after July 1st. I can pick the guitar and sing or play the organ and sing and preach if necessary.

G. E. Tippins, Blue Diamond, Ky.

It has been on our minds for some time to send something to the orphans so we began soliciting in Olney, Ill. In a short time we had a barrel of clothes and nine dollars which we sent to Cleveland immediately. May God bless the little orphans and supply all their needs.

H. L. Trim and wife, Olney, Ill.

A revival meeting will begin at Mentone, Ala., on Aug. 4. Brother R. S. Robinson, our pastor, and Brother W. S. Willem from Alabama City will have charge of the meeting. Other workers are expected.

Everybody come praying that many souls will be saved.

J. D. Robinson, clerk and treasurer, Mentone, Ala.

The Mississippi camp meeting will begin Aug. 4, 1921, at Friendship church. Brother H. A. Pressgrove, Sister Bertie Juillerat and Brother Keen and wife will be in charge of the meetings and with your help we will have a good meeting. Everybody is invited and those who come will be taken care of. For further information, write

W. E. Raney, Charleston, Miss.

The Birmingham district convention will convene at Carbon Hill, Ala., Aug. 18, 19, 1921, D. V. The opening service will be held on the 17th. Every minister, deacon and clerk is expected to be present and every one else is invited to attend. We would appreciate having any one outside the district. We hope to have our state overseer, Brother Simpson, with us. Come expecting great things.

C. B. Reynolds, district overseer,

Salem, Ala.

I have been appointed district overseer for the southern part of Arkansas and any time you would like to have me hold a meeting just let me know. I will be glad to give you my best service. My headquarters will be at Haynes, Ark. The southern Arkansas district includes the following churches: Poplar Grove, Haynes, Pinetree, Goodwin and Cherry Valley.

Your humble servant,  
W. A. Ledford, district overseer,

Haynes, Ark.

The people at Manor, Ga., are building a large tabernacle for the camp meeting which convenes on the twenty-third of July. A truck will meet all trains and a restaurant will be on the grounds for the convenience of the people. Manor is fifteen miles from Waycross on the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. There are seven cottages for campers.

Brother J. B. Ellis of the Bible School at Cleveland will conduct a Bible School every morning. Brother Latimer, our state overseer, will be there. Come expecting a good time. Every one is invited. We insist that the churches at Zirkle, Offerman, Broxton, Hazlehurst, Jesup, Quitman, Odum, Valdosta, Melrose, Matthews, Fitzgerald and Halo be represented.

S. J. Heath, Hazlehurst, Ga.

IN MEMORY OF

TAYLOR

The death angel visited the home of Isaac Taylor and claimed his dear wife.

She trusted the Lord for healing and was a faithful member of the Church of God. She told her husband "they were coming after her" and she wanted him and the children to meet her in heaven.

She leaves a husband, six children, father, mother, two sisters, two brothers and a number of friends to mourn her death.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and her remains were laid to rest in the Copenger cemetery to await the soon coming King.

W. M. Coleman, Farmer, Tenn.

PADGETT

On June 17, 1921, the death angel visited our home and claimed our precious baby, George Edward Padgett, age 14 months and 8 days.

He was sick only a short time, although prayer went up for him and we did all we could, God knew best and took him home to be with Him where he will never have to suffer any more.

We all loved little George Edward dearly but God loved him best. He was the bright jewel of the home. We expect to meet him on the other side where we will never be parted again.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. B. Sparks and his body was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Many beautiful flowers were

placed on his grave by loving friends.

His mother,  
Mrs. C. B. Padgett,  
Lynchburg, Va.

ETHEREDGE

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Etheredge June 19, 1921, and claimed their baby, Otha Delma, age 3 months and 26 days. He was taken sick Saturday evening and died Sunday morning.

He leaves to mourn his death a father and mother, four sisters, three brothers and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother L. V. Agee and the body was laid to rest in the Elom cemetery.

His cousin,  
Sadie Ree Agee,  
Surginer, Ala.

HALLMARK

The mother of Brother Henry Hallmark departed this life to be with Jesus. She had been ill for some time but bore her sickness well. The saints would gather around her and pray but she said her time had come and she was ready to go.

She received the Holy Ghost in March. She gave God the glory and trusted Him to the end. She was a member of the dear old Church of God and left a vacant place in it and in her home that never can be filled. She leaves to mourn her death one son and daughter-in-law and many relatives and friends, and was laid to rest in the Mooreville cemetery to await the soon coming King.

One who loved her,  
Emma Loftin,  
Mooreville, Miss.

BATTLEFIELD

We are having one of the most wonderful meetings at Branford, Fla., that has ever been. Brother Jim Culpepper is in charge of the meeting. If I make no mistake, fifty-four have received the Holy Ghost. The Lord is working in a wonderful way, reports L. V. Hall.

J. M. Watson, Anniston, Ala., reports the meeting held there July 4th. It was wonderful how the Lord did bless. Praise His great name. We met at 10:00 A. M. and stopped just long enough for lunch. The meeting lasted till 12:00 o'clock at night, 5 were saved and sanctified and 4 received the Holy Ghost.

P. W. Hackney of Bridgeport, Ala., reports the close of a two weeks meeting. The Lord was there in power and victory. The saints were made stronger and drawn closer together, 2 were sanctified, 6 received the Holy Ghost, 5 were baptized in water and 7 added to the church.

Mary L. Thomas of Oakvale, W. Va., reports victory for the Church of God there. She is on the top at last. Five have been received into the Church by their pastor, L. L. Vaught. The church conference was held at Kellysville, June 23, 1921. C. B. Hill and Laura Whitlow are class leaders. A Sunday school was organized.

We have just closed a ten days meeting at Clear Mount, Fla. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and while the latter rain fell there was dancing and speaking in tongues. Several were saved, 14 sanctified, 10 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and 8 followed the Lord in water baptism, reports G. C. Sapp.

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It is almost like being at the An-

ssembly. This is my first meeting on

## A CLOUDBURST OF LATTER RAIN

127 Saved, Sanctified and Filled With the Holy Ghost at Pilgrim's Rest, Louisiana

To the Saints Hither and Thither in Different Parts of the World—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to try to tell you if I can find words to do so, how God has worked with us here in Louisiana.

Sister B.L. Shepherd and husband have just closed a six weeks revival, seven miles from Covington, La., at Pilgrim's Rest with the undersigned as helper. God worked from the very first service and in all there were about 127 saved, 127 sanctified 127 received the Holy Ghost and 104 were baptized in water. The church was set in order at the close of the third week with 54 members. Later more were added, making a total membership of 117.

Sister Ouida Hayslip and I joined Sister Shepherd at the close of her Kentwood meeting in which twenty-two received the Holy Ghost. We arrived there in time for the baptismal service in which twenty-five were buried with Christ into a watery grave.

From there we came with Brother and Sister Shepherd to Onville, La., where she had held a meeting previously, in which forty-five had received the Holy Ghost. They were on fire for God and it was wonderful to see them leap and shout for God. They had not heard a sermon in over a month but were still shouting the victory. We stayed with them for four days and eight more received the Holy Ghost.

We then came to Pilgrim's Rest, La., an entirely new field where the people had never heard the full gospel preached. We began the meeting in an old schoolhouse that was supposed to be free for all but they put us out. A Baptist minister came and started a revival but was forced to give it up after two services as we had the crowd.

One who loved her,  
Emma Loftin,  
Mooreville, Miss.

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## JEWS AND THEIR AFFLICTION

J. P. HUGHES

"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction, they will seek me early." Hosea 5:15.

The text is a prophecy concerning the Jews, from which we learn that they have committed an offence against the Lord. We learn also that He has turned from them and they are afflicted. In the verse prior to the text, the Lord said, "I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away."

When Jesus came to the world as a Redeemer, He came to His own (the Jews) John 1:11. They did not receive Him but committed a great offence against Him. It was a Jew that betrayed Him into the hands of sinners. It was also a mob of Jews that cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him." John 19:15.

The rejection of Christ by the Jews was the offence that caused Him to turn from them and utter the following words, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killst the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, 'Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.'" Luke 13:34,35.

The desolation of their house has been the affliction of the Jews for many centuries. They have been dispersed abroad and scattered throughout the nations of the world. In many places they have been enslaved and treated inhumanly. Truly, their afflictions have already been great, but it will be greater as the time approaches when they will see Jesus and say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matt. 24: 21,22. The "Elect" that is spoken of in verse 22 has direct reference to the Jews and signifies that their great affliction will be shortened that they may have deliverance. Here is when the latter part of the text will be fulfilled. "In their affliction they will seek me early."

In prophesying of the tribulation that Jesus speaks of in Matt. 24:21, the prophet Jeremiah calls it Jacob's trouble which again applies to the Jews. "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.'" Zech. 8:23.

The opposers and persecutors of the Jews will then be glad to acknowledge that they are God's elect and the prophecy of Isaiah 60:14, will be fulfilled. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet."

We close this writing by saying that we are not a Jew by natural birth but have been adopted into the great family of spiritual Jews. Therefore, I am a friend to the Jews and if I must speak of them it will be to their favor. The greatest Friend, the world has ever had (Jesus) was a Jew. He was stricken, smitten and afflicted of God for the world's redemption. The Jews have also been afflicted that through their fall the Gentiles should be saved.

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J. R. Moxley

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We have now come to what we wish to say about the Jews and their afflictions. It seems that the spirit of Job's comforter has possessed a great many people and they are disposed to criticize and abuse the Jews and in this way add sorrow to their afflictions. Pamphlets and booklets are being printed and circulated for the purpose of stirring up the people against the Jews. Would be religious papers are propagating such news as would be calculated to cause prejudice and ill feeling toward them.

They are accused of being rebels and leaders of labor unions and organizations that have caused revolts and uprisings among the people. But what if they have done such as they are accused of, is it any more than thousands of hypocritical Gentiles are doing who profess that they know Christ and have the light of His gospel? It should be remembered that the Jews are in darkness and do not have the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. For He has turned from them, "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Rom. 11:25.

The Gentiles have had the gospel light for nearly two thousand years and still some of them are so ignorant that they do not know that the affliction of the Jews is the health of the Gentiles. So they are not afraid to speak evil of them.

The Jews are accused or being anti-Christian and enemies of the gospel. But what is that to complain about if they are anti-christians? Are they not the election and beloved of God and are only enemies of the gospel for the sake of the Gentiles? "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sake" Rom. 11:28.

It has been inferred by some that the mark of the beast will proceed from a Jewish organization. I do not see how this can be, since the beast must first appear and receive power over the world before any will receive his mark and at that time the Jews will not have any organization having signed their rights over to the beast. But some say the anti-christ will be a Jew because the Jews were against Christ when He was on earth. The Bible clearly teaches that the Jews will receive Jesus and Paul tells us that all Israel shall be saved. Rom. 11:26. Then will the anti-christ be saved? Yes, if he is a Jew he will receive Jesus and be saved. But we find the beast and all that receive

his mark and worship his image will be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 19:20. We see that the beast will not be a Jew. The Jews are to be saved, therefore, they will be martyred before they will worship the image of the beast or receive his mark.

The anti-christ will be a traitor and persecutor of the Jews and it may be his spirit that is causing people to mistreat them today. They are afflicted and should be pitied instead of persecuted. "To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend" Job 6:14.

Truly every Gentile should be a friend to the Jews for it is through their fall that salvation is come to the Gentile world. "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall (affliction) of them be the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?" Rom. 11:11,12. No Gentile should persecute the Jews but should pity them in their affliction, knowing that their loss is our gain.

"Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest we also spare not thee." Rom. 11:20, 21. God will punish those who persecute the Jews and they will reap what they sow. He has said through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel that he would put hooks in the jaws of Gog and Magog because they thought an evil thought to go up against Israel when they dwell safely in their own land: Gog and Magog is a figurative name for all those whom Satan can use to persecute the Jews. See Rev. 20:7-9. All who have been thinking evil of the Jews should awaken to the fact that they are a tool of the devil and very soon they will receive their reward.

The time is near when Jesus will come and the Jews will see Him and say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Then it is that they as a nation will receive the second birth and will become the leading nation of the world during the Millennial age. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.'" Zech. 8:23.

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I am not trying to hurt any one's feelings about this matter but it seems necessary for me to warn people along this line as the devil is raging so and trying to decoy people off in so many ways. I am so sorry to say that there are but few who are really paying tithes. It may be that they do not know any better and if so I hope and trust that they will fall down on their bended knees and ask God for an understanding.

Many people say they pay tithes and perhaps work a few days and make a few dollars and give one tenth of that to the Lord while on the other hand they have five hundred or a thousand dollars more or less in the bank that they have never tithe at all, but still say, "I am paying tithes." Others say they are paying tithes when their household goods have never been tithed, nor their horses, mules, land, cattle, hogs and many other things.

Dear readers, the Word teaches us that one-tenth is the Lord's so let us lift the standard high, and pay our tithes, not only putting in a little offering and call it tithes. We, as the people of God, had just as well leave off some other part of the Bible as the tithing system.

Our faithful father, Abram, returning from the slaughter met Melchizedek and gave him one tenth of all. Praise God for this great privilege that we have of giving a tenth of all. Brothers and sisters, I am not writing this to discourage you but in order that you may think on these things and see if you are lined up with God's Word or not. If we would give one-tenth of all that we possess the church would grow more rapidly and that is what we want, the church to gain ground every day while the devil is trying to drag us down but we are going to keep her lifted above the hills. Praise God.

The devil is saying that it will put them under the law to pay tithes and also that the big man gets the money. It is false and we know it is false and we are not out to please him but to do the will of our Father. Jesus even told the Scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites that they ought to pay tithes and not leave off the weightier matters. Let us do the work that God wants us to do.

Your sister in Christ,

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## TITHES OF ALL

Milo Cross

I have thought on the above subject very much for the last few months. I find a great majority of our people do not understand such expression as the one quoted above from Gen. 14:20, where Abraham gave "tithes of all."

We notice in Mal. 3:8-12, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherefore have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call me blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."

I notice all the above blessings are promised only when we bring "All the tithes into the storehouse." Jacob said, "And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee," Gen. 28:22.

I have found some people who think these Scriptures teach us to tithe our gross income—after we deduct the cost of production such as fertilizer, hired help etc. This is not paying tithes of all, but I think a close study of the Scriptures will show us what is meant by "Tithes of all" or all the tithes.

Jesus said that the Pharisees paid tithes of mint and anise and cummin and rue, all of which seem to have been small herbs and not only this but, all "manner of herbs." These ought ye to have done," Matt. 23:23. Luke 11:42. This is what is meant by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, not to tithe our gross income but the net profits of everything God gives us. I have seen some good people who never thought of titling such as garden and truck patches, milk and butter, chickens and eggs. There are some people who tithe what they sell of such as this but never keep an account of what they use at home. Which is worth the most to us, what we sell or what we eat at home? Then why would we tithe one and not the other?

I have been very much surprised to find that some of our ministers did not tithe such things as food, clothing etc. which were given to them. How easy it would be for all members and preachers who have settled down pastoring churches to keep a large calendar (but not one that advertises patent medicine or Coca Cola) hanging up the wall in the kitchen and keep everything marked down the day it was received or used.

I hope our people will not pass this by lightly.

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## WALK NOT IN UN-GODLY COUNSEL

H. L. Hibben

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." Psa. 1:1.

I feel sometimes, that we as saints of the most high God walk in the counsel of the ungodly in various ways. If we are not careful after Jesus has redeemed us by His blood our unsaved and sometimes even demon possessed husband or wife will try to tell us that we do not need to go to prayer meeting or Sunday school or even preaching services every time, when the Word of God says not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Some tell us that they could bear it very well if their wife or husband would not shout or dance or hold up their hands in song services. Dear reader, this is the counsel of the ungodly as I have seen it tried. May God help us to know if we ever expect to win our unsaved companions we must stand uncompromisingly on the Word of God. I do not want to be misunderstood, a wife or husband should be careful and kind to his or her unsaved companion. They are to do all they can at home to agree and keep peace but when they tell you once a week is often enough to attend services when there are meetings two or three nights a week besides Sunday, if you compromise on their suggestions, soon the evil spirit will say not to let them see you up shouting. If you continue to walk in this counsel, your companion will tell you how long the services should be held and if you do not take a decided stand against such counsel he will go far enough to come right in the mid services and say, "Let us go home, I am tired and sleepy and have to work tomorrow." I have known some who have tried to humor

their companions, who were convinced that the Church of God was clear to them but after a few compromises they began to persecute the talking in tongues, shouting, dancing and even went far enough to disrespect the house of worship where their old gray headed father and mother were shouting and worshipping God; while they were on their knees pleading with God for mercy for their sins, one that would not even respect them while they were worshiping the God that spoke this old world into existence. If you give place to the devil in one point, he will soon cheat you out of your salvation. In Matt. 5:29,30 Jesus makes it plain in such cases, "And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee; for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." We have the promise of the Holy Ghost who will lead us in the way of all truth, so we can clearly see that we cannot allow our unsaved parents, companions, brothers, sisters or friends to dictate to us how we should serve the Lord, for we are to walk in the Spirit.

Jesus tells us in Mark 10:29, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man

lives to God can know, for He will testify when He comes.

Paul in writing to the church at Rome said, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers," so then if we are subject to the Lord in all things, and the dear Lord bears out His power upon us, why should people say there is no such thing? Because they do not believe that God will do as He says or they would believe it as the Bible teaches it but they are ready to resist it and say that it is the power of the devil. The power of the Lord that comes from Heaven is heavenly and brings a great weight of glory to the man or woman to whom it rests upon. That is why He told them not to be afraid of His power. "But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain.

Dearly beloved, let us all live subject to the higher powers and His sweet gentle Spirit that we may get an answer to our prayers, and may we always be ready to do the bidding of the Spirit at all times.

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### NOAH'S DAY AND OUR DAY

E. L. Pinkley

This subject has borne very forcibly on my mind for some time and I do not feel like I can get it off without writing on it. It is now 2:15 in the morning and I pray that God will direct me to say something in this article that will arouse the conscience of some wayward pilgrim to walk in the light of God's Word.

First, we will notice the condition of this world in Noah's day, at the time he finished the work he did for God. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." Gen. 6:5,6.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second and third stories shalt thou make it." Gen. 6:8,13,14,16.

"And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark; thou, and thy sons and thy wife, and thy son's wife with thee." Gen. 6:17,18.

God made a special covenant with Noah in a very wicked and trouble some time. First of all, God gave him orders about the ark and how it should be built. No doubt, Noah had several workmen in building this ark who received instructions from him, but it seemed that God spoke directly to Noah and expected him to take up the work and build the ark according to instructions. He made special mention of the kind of wood to use, where to put the windows, how many rooms to make and to make them first lower, next second and third stories.

God told Noah why He was so particular about him building the ark just so. There was a flood, to be sent from His hand to destroy the whole earth and all living on it as they were so corrupt, but God gave Noah to understand that He would not destroy those of the ark who would get in after it was built according to His orders. If Noah had built or allowed this ark to have been built contrary to God's orders the waters would have destroyed it.

No doubt, he had many scoffers and mockers who said it was useless to put such good material in the ark and take so much pains with it. No doubt, there were many other boats there and people who owned them who said, "Our boats have always floated and we are not scared." I imagine I can hear Noah as he said,

"I have special orders from God to build an extra strong and safe ark as there is a special flood coming like we have never had and nothing in it will stand in the past will stand now in this flood that is coming." No doubt, but what much sport was made of Noah's ark but he went on building it according to God's order. Some said it was foolishness to use such good material, but Noah said that the Lord had ordered him to build something extra and it must be just as He said for he was working under His instructions.

No doubt, when Noah had the ark almost finished that several came around and stood on the doorsteps and looked in and investigated it while some went in, looked around

and went back out and said, "We can get over the flood in our little boats that we have been riding in," but Noah told them that they had better stay in the ark as it was the only thing that would save them safely on the other side of the flood, but they would not believe it. Noah told them that by and by the door would be closed because God would close it and then they could not get in, but still they would not believe it. After a while the ark was finished and the door was closed. The majority of the people of Noah's day were lost, and no doubt, when the rain came and the waters raised that there were many who knocked and tried to get in but Noah told them they were too late, so they perished.

The ark and Noah's day is a fair type of our day and the great Church of God which is taking the world today. Listen, Jesus said in Matt. 24:27, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." God is giving orders to the General Overseer of the great Church of God to make haste and build as the floods of persecutions are upon us and the end of this Gentile age is close at hand. God is angry with the way this world is doing. While there are many of us that are building on this house—the Church of God. We have many propositions put before us to change our plans, but we believe that God is leading our General Overseer and we are going to obey orders.

Many times there are people who say to us little workers on the field that they like the teachings of the church, but there is some little thing they cannot give up. For instance they belong to a lodge or secret order, yet they think we ought to take them in as they have paid their dues for such long time and that we are too strict. We have only to say the Scriptures are against it. They often say that God is in the lodges but we just refer them to the Words of Jesus, "Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not." Matt. 24:26. Could we afford to say that Jesus was mistaken? No, a thousand times no!

Some say they use tobacco and that they cannot find it in the Bible that there is any harm in it, yet they confess that it is filthy. In Rev. 22:11, we read, "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still." They also confess that it is unclean. In Gal. 5:21, "that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Why wouldn't we teach against things that will keep men from inheriting the kingdom of God? I know it looks like foolishness to the world to build a church like the Church of God that is so fanatical that they will not receive such folks as adulterers, tobacco users and secret order folks, but God said to build it just as He said if we wanted to land on the other side of the tribulation safely.

There are many who are coming around and are very friendly toward the Church and speak well of her government, but when you tell them that they need to get in they often say, "I will make it through all right on the outside." In Noah's day the people did not make it all right and I would hate to try it in our day. Some say, "I am in the Church of God, I was born into it." I ask you to only give me the chapter and verse for your doctrine.

The Bible says to try the spirits, you had better try that, one and see if God's Word will hold you good in your statement. Others have said that they loved the church but did not like the overseers and government. It would not be the Church of God without them. Some have come into the church and after looking around went out and decided to try the flood outside. Some have decided that the Church of God, we represent, is not the Bible Church. Listen, do you know of a church anywhere else outside of the church, with headquarters, at Cleveland, Tenn., that you cannot find one Scripture against her teaching?

Do you know of a church anywhere that is called the Church of God that is recognized by the government of the U. S. beside this one? Listen, brethren, there have been many churches in the world just as there were many boats in Noah's time. They have done good work in their day but the time has come that God is calling His elect together and the one fold that Jesus speaks of in John 16:10, is now being made ready for God's people.

In the time of our ignorance of the true Church of God, God winked at us, but now He is calling His people out of Babylon and this world is in a very corrupt state and Daniel says in Dan. 12:1, that there is a great day of trouble coming so let us get ready for it. Thousands are looking for it as God is angry with this world and is making His preparations to take care of His people, if they will listen to His voice, but we must put the full amount of rooms in this building as God wants us to work together in harmony, get saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with tongues and come into the Church of God.

The three rooms in Noah's Ark may represent justification and sanctification and the Holy Ghost in the Church of God. Please do not leave either one out or the Church might fail to carry her load.

Listen, brethren, who are outside of the Church of God, the last great conflict is on and the tribulation days are coming. The doors of the great Church of God are still open and if you want to land on the other side of the tribulations safely without a

wreck and not go down in the great wave of persecutions that are coming upon this earth, my advice to you is to get into the great Church of God, now before God closes the door and you are shut out to face the tribulations in a little idea of your own that will never tide you over. May God bless you and lead you is my prayer.

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